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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q56361

Yoshikazu KANEKO, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1775

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Examiner: A. Piziali

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For: STEEL WIRE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2001, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

## REMARKS

This response follows an Office Action of December 6, 2001. The petition and fee associated with a three month extension of time is attached herewith. The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 6-12. Also noted with appreciation, is the indication of allowability of claim 5. The Applicant has reviewed the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance with respect to those claims and concurs in the analysis. Indeed, it is believed that the same methodology used by the Examiner to concluded that claims 6-12 were allowable should be followed with respect to rejected claims 1-4. Reexamination and reconsideration of those two rejections is respectfully traversed.

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